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We are Chester County Interlink, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. Since 1993, we have served to ensure that the residents, students, and workers of Chester County, Pennsylvania have equal access to the information and services of the internet without regard to their ability to pay.

We currently have hundreds of members including:

- Students who, without our services, would not be able to do their homework, online assignments, academic projects, and peer interaction at home;
- Workers who, without our services, would not be able to search for jobs and improve their employability and upward mobility;
- Senior citizens who, without our services, would not be able to maintain contact with their distant families and local community services.

Our organization relies on Mobile Beacon's affordable, unlimited, high-speed EBS internet access to provide internet access for our members and to facilitate efficient operations of our all-volunteer staff.

Mobile Beacon's affordable mobile broadband EBS service is absolutely unique and unmatched in our county. With Mobile Beacon's unlimited internet access plans and fixed, affordable costs, we are able to manage and allocate our limited financial services more productively and we no longer have to worry about incurring unplanned overage charges or throttling back on our services. We have reduced our direct internet access costs and also reduced our indirect costs such as travel to meetings.

We use Mobile Beacon's affordable mobile broadband EBS service, together with our other non-profit partners, to operate as a streamlined "virtual" organization without having to pay for inventory management or rent or purchase of offices and warehouse facilities.

Our lower costs and more efficient operations allow us to serve more families and to extend and continue our services to those who must move out of our local service areas.

Without Mobile Beacon's EBS service we would lose a vital component of our service infrastructure and we would have to severely curtail our operations and services.

We urge the FCC not to take EBS away from educators and nonprofits like Mobile Beacon who are serving nonprofits like ours throughout the country. To act in the true public interest, the FCC should be expanding and encouraging such uses of EBS, not eliminating them.

Respectfully submitted.

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